GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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DRIVE TO CUT EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred under various heads such as publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conference, tours (including foreign visits), STD and ISTD telephone bills, electricity bills especially the electricity bills of airconditioners and coolers in various department and undertakings under the Ministry during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under these heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) From the present budgetary and accounting classification, it is not possible to accurately arrive at the expenditure on various items mentioned in the Question in respect of all Services/Departments under the Ministry of Defence.

(b) to (d): The provisions of various rules/regulations as well as the economy instructions issued by Government from time to time are followed to control such expenditure.